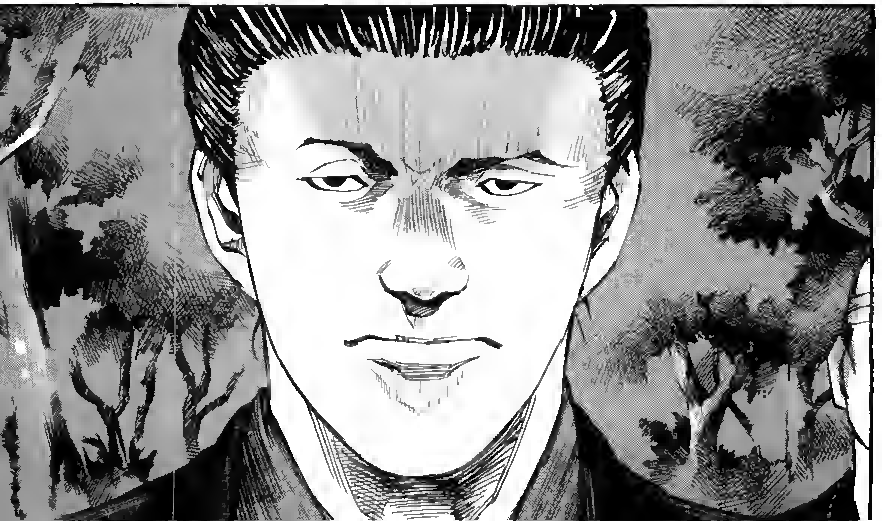
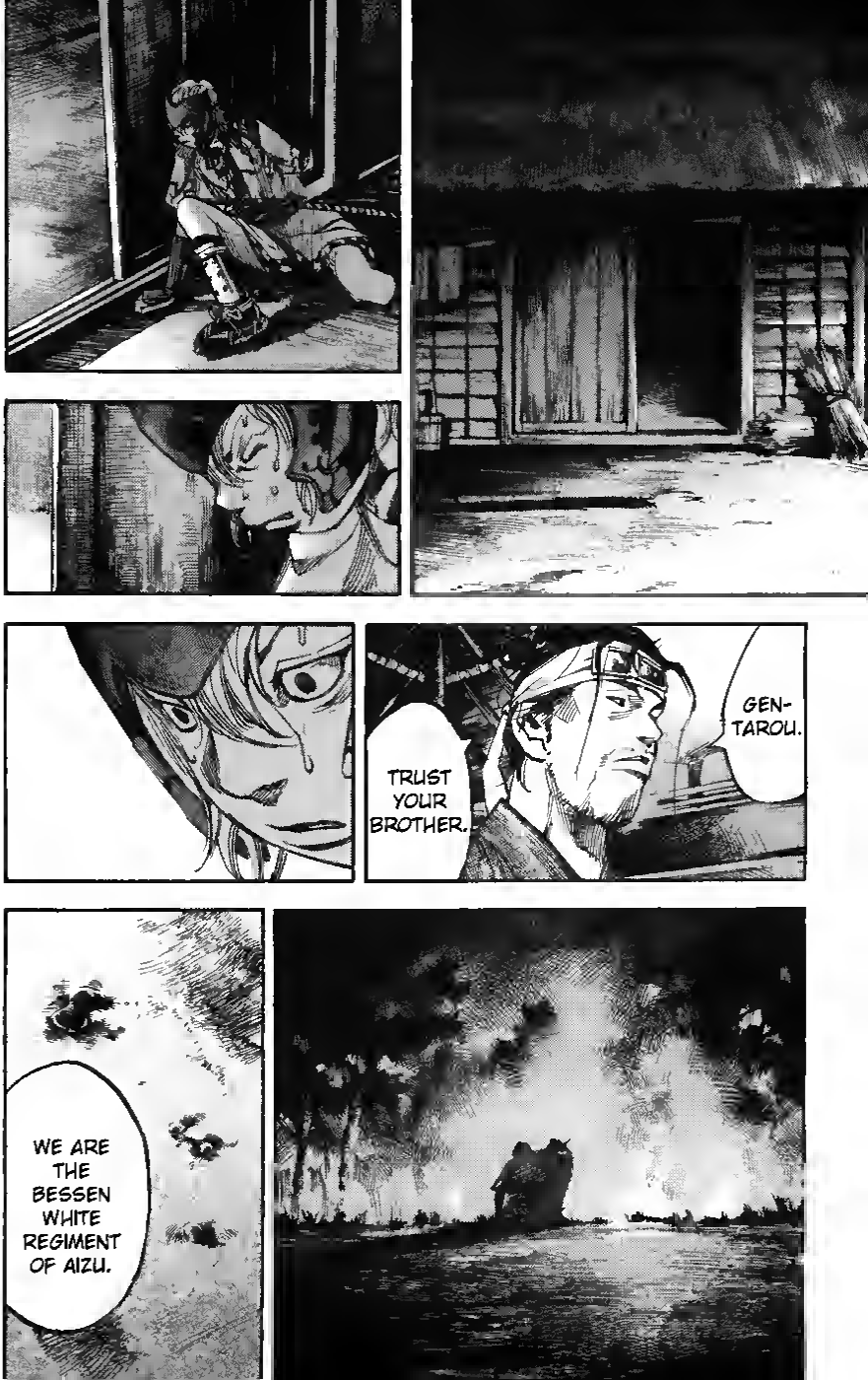
THE 155TH WAY: THE WHITE FLAG

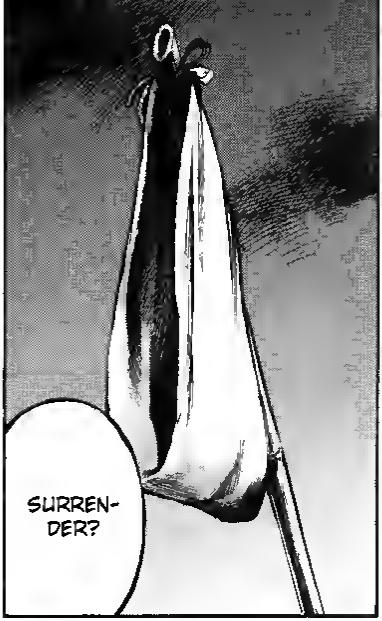



GEN-TAROU.
TRUST YOUR BROTHER.
WE ARE THE BESSEN WHITE REGIMENT OF AIZU.

YUKIMURA SHOU-TAROU.
SAMEJIMA TASUKE, OF THE SAME.

CHOU-SHUU.
KATSURA KOGOROU.

MR. KATSURA... I'VE MET YOU IN A FORTUNETELLING SHOP CALLED MOZUDOU.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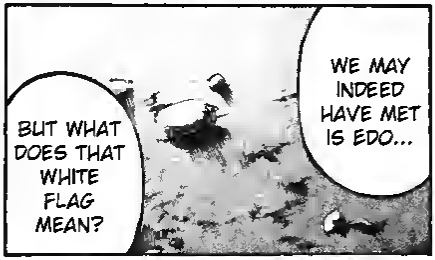
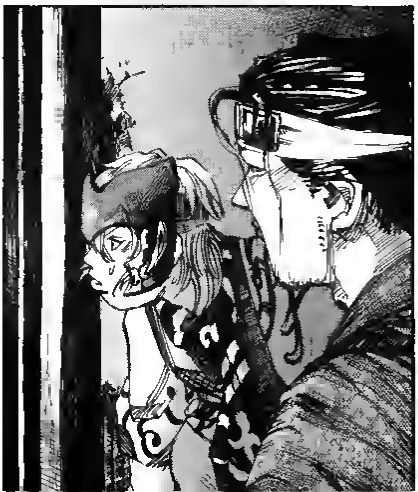
OH?


WE MAY INDEED HAVE MET IS EDO...
BUT WHAT DOES THAT WHITE FLAG MEAN?

MR. KATSU-
RA,
300 SHOGUNATE TROOPS WILL SOON BE HERE.



WE RAISED THE WHITE FLAGGING THINKING THAT THERE MIGHT BE A WAY FOR BOTH SIDES TO AVOID SACRIFICES.
IN WHICH CASE,
THERE WILL BE MUCH BLOOD-SHED.
I DOUBT THE BOLD MEN OF CHOUSHUU WILL RETREAT...

GENTLE-MEN OF AIZU...
HAVE YOU SEEN KYOTO BURNING...?

OUR ARMY IS FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THE FACE OF A MASSIVE SHOGUNATE FORCE.

NOW... AT THIS TIME,
THEY WILL LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES.

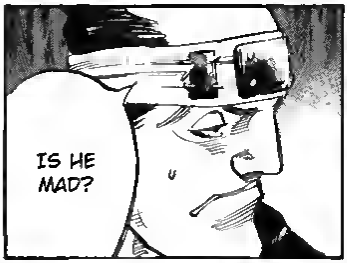
THEY HAVEN'T EVEN A ONE-IN-TEN-THOUSAND CHANCE OF WINNING...

IF YOU STILL WISH TO SURREN-DER...

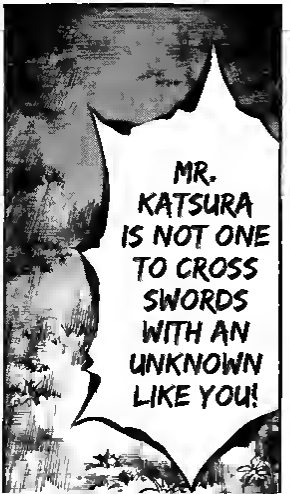
I WILL NOT ACCEPT A SHOGUN-ATE WHITE FLAG.

SLIT YOUR BELLIES HERE.
LIKE SAMURAI.

IN THAT CASE,
WE ARE BOTH SAMURAI.
UNDER-STOOD.
PLEASE DRAW.


IS HE MAD?

NO


MR. KATSURA IS NOT ONE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH AN UNKNOWN LIKE YOU!

A GREAT ARMY LIKE YOURS COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE FEEL!
WE ARE HERE, TO OUR REGRET, TO DEFEND MR. KATSURA, THE KEYSTONE TO CHOUSHUU'S SURVIVAL!
OUR UNIT WAS OUGHT TO BE WITH OUR COMRADES IN KYOTO, BATTLING THE SHOGUNATE!
CUT OPEN YOUR BELLY!
IF YOU DO NOT, WE WILL SHOOT YOU DOWN!
EVEN IF 300 SHOGUNATE TROOPS DO COME, WE CHOUSHUU WILL NOT DISGRACE OURSELVES BY LEAVING OUR CORPSES ON THIS LAND!

PLEASE.
THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT BRO.
BROTHER KANBEE,
GIVE ME AN ORDER.
IF BRO DIES,
I'LL DIE HERE WITH HIM.

AL-
RIGHT,
LET'S
GO.

GENTA-
ROU,
SHOW ME
YOUR AIZU
BUSHIDO.

AIZU,
PREPARE YOURSELF!

UOO
OOO
OOO
OOOO

WAIT RIGHT THERE!
THERE WERE MORE!
FIRE!
FIRE!